(3) A remission of Rs. 25 was granted, the amount representing one-twelfth of the whole bid amount. Some of the inland fisheries are also leased out to the Valans without auction. For example (i) The Amballur fishery is leased to the Keecheri Vala Co-operative Society; (ii) the Vyttila fishery is leased to the Valans of Vyttila and (iii) the Fishery in the Kumaranthi thodu in Pallipuram is leased to the Cherai Vala Co-operative Society.

Complaints from the Oonni-holders of Mattancheri.

126. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

what are the complaints from the Oonni-holders of Mattancheri; how are they settled?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Marakkadavu and the Vadappurakkal stake owners were complaining against the loss of revenue due to dredging operations conducted by the Harbour authorities. They requested for compensation for the temporary loss of revenue and a sum of Rs. 393 has been sanctioned by the Harbour authorities. The amount will be paid soon.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എ. ശങ്കുണ്ണി.— ഇതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യ എത്ര മാസങ്ങൾക്കു മുമ്പായിട്ട് കൊടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നു പറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുത മേനോൻ.—ഒട്ടും താമസിയാതെ കൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള ശ്രമം ചെയ്യാം.

Fishing in the backwaters.

127. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether the catch of fish in the backwater is prohibitive

(1) during up-tide;

(2) with light during night;

(3) using poison;

and (4) using gun-powder;

(b) if so, how many such cases are booked for the last 5 years and what punishments were given to them;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the death of a person at Cranganur by eating poisoned fish and five others at Kadamakudi owing to mishap during a process of gun-powder beneath the water to catch fish?

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